Curfew Law for Gay Congressmen And Cabinet, Suggests Daniels

Vice President Marshall Says Social Events Are Part of Official Duties.

Social Lobbying Not Found and Men in Public Life Give Views of "Dining Out."

Do social dissipations in high official life in Washington interfere with Uncle Sam's business?

Vague intimations of the tremendous pressure of the social game as played in the Capital have been heard. But here are the first definite statements from Vice President Marshall, from Cabinet members, and from U.S. Senators, of their impressions of society in Washington.

Does social lobbying play a part in Government affairs? Some of these officials have definite opinions on that subject. One relates an amusing effort at social lobbying

By J. R. HILDEBRAND. "Wasnington ought to have an official curfew law. Cabinet members and Congressmen should be in bea by 11:30 o'clock, or by midnight,

at the latest." This from Secretary of the Navy

'Dining out is a part of my official duties as Vice President," said Vice President Marshall, "I had an engagement every evening from an engagement every evening from early in January until the beginning of Lent. I accepted because I wanted to, not because I had to."

But the real surprise came when Secretary of the Interior Lane, generally admitted to be one of the hardest worked men in Washington public life, described an evening's social "diversion," after a day at the office extending from early morning until 7 p. m. which made former President Roosevelt look like an apostle of the oulet.

life.
Recently Secretary Lane attended a reception early in the evening, hurried away to a fashionable din-ner, and after that went to another function where he made a speech. He arrived home a little before mid-night and then, to save himself from a too early grave, went through a rigorous program of physical exer-class laid down for him by a physi-

Too Much Extravagance.

But there was not a word of complaint from any of these officials. Many Senators agreed that there were few men in either house of Congress who indulged in the social whirl to the point of dissitravagance of much of the enter-taining in Washington, and one or two yearned for the conditions back home where there was "more sociability and less show," as one Senator expressed it

Vice President Marshall is not one of the men who believes un-official Washington is to blame for leading public servants astray "My official duties are light" said, "and dining out is a part of my official program. I am supposed to accept the dinner invita-tions the President must decline, and so help preserve the Executive digestion

But in doing so the Vice Presi-dent let it be known that he is careful of his own. Neither does he want it understood that he is comings in society.
"I would not say a word that

would reflect on the courtesy and good heartedness of the people of Washington," he explained. "Perhaps I have gone around more than a man of my age should. But these reople invited me hecause they wanted me, and I accepted because I wanted to go.

No Social Lobbying.

"I do not believe my health has suffered because of dining out. I drink nothing, and I eat sparingly, If I do not get home until midnight I do not get up until 9 the next morning.

"As for the so-called social lobbying, I have seen none of it. I am such a guileless sort of fellow that I would not know if there were any.
"But in my round of dinner par-

ties, I never have heard public matters referred to in any but the most frivolous or joking way. There has been no attempt to discuss them seriously. If any folks did so, they got off in a corner for their talk."
While philosophizing in this vein. the Vice President was prying open the lid of a box of cigars which, he said, had been sent him by a friend who had beard of his complaint that a man could not buy a good cigar for 5 cents in this country.

"I am accepting the present. If that be lobbying, make the most of it. But you will have to smoke one of the cigars to realize the nature of

Lane Enjoys Diversion.

Despite the fact that he is known as the hardest working man in Washington, Secretary Lane also has acquired the reputation of one of the most genial. Though friends described the genuine pleasure with which the Secretary looked forward to an evening at home, he pleasantly described his social ac-tivities as "a diversion after a day of hard work."

"I get through work by ? o'clock frequently," he said, "and I enjoy going out to dinner, so I feel at liberty to go. I only need six or seven hours sleep, and I am generally in bed by midnight. That enables me to get back to the office at 8 or 9 o'clock. "I have not noticed that dinner engagements interfere either with my work or with my health. The personal equation must enter into a

man's social life. And I am fortunate in requiring less sleep than

The Secretary failed to mention that, on the nights he went home from dinner engagements early, he frequently worked until midnight. Immediately after taking office, he was at his desk every day, consecutively, for ninety days. During that time he never left the office before 6 o'clock, and frequently worked in

Senator Kenyon of lowa was quoted as saying, in a Philadelphia speech. that the social dissipation among members of Congress was interfering with public business. Senator Kenyon did not say that, but he has kenyon did not say that, but he has taken to the storm cellar on the entire subject. He never has been able to catch up to the original story, so he even has ceased issuing denials, but he has been busy ever since explaining to his colleagues he made no such sweeping assertion.

Daniels Wants Curfew Law.

Secretary Daniels believes social life here has a positive value for the public man, if it is not overdone-He wants a return to the Jeffersonian idea in entertaining, but note the







THE PRESIDENT, HAS TO EAT HIS WAY THRU HIS TERM OF OFFICE. HE HAS ATTENDED A BANQUET EVERY MIGHT SINCE THE PIRST OF THE YEAR.

"joker" in his idea of Jefferson's so-cial proclivities.

"There may be two months in the year when social life in Washington is strenuous," the Secretary said.
"During that time officials should make sure they get home by 11:30 o'clock. Midnight should be the latest they permit themselves to stay out. A sort of an official curfew law would not be amiss.

"But I believe faw men in the Gov-crnment, certainly few in the de-partments, carry social gayeties to excess. Their work shows that, Most of them are a hard working lot.

"Many of them, I feel sure, think about this dinner thing the way I do, that it gives a man elbow touch. do, that it gives a man elbow touch. He mingles with his fellows. He gets their viewpoint. A man who goes out to luncheon with Norman Hapgood or with C. W. Post, or any such philosophers will guin new

"Jefferson set us Democrats a good example in that direction after he returned from Paris. You remember he entertained frequently and con-tinuously. He attended many din-

"At all of these the President was singularly silent. He let others do the talking. He did the listening. And on his own testimony he gained much information and got new viewpoints from this social indulgen "The man who tangoes all night is overdoing things sadly. But, as I said, few do that. Most of the Cabinet officials do not leave their offices until 6 o'clock. Like myself, they get down at 9:30 o'clock or

What Senators Say.

Varying views of the social pressure on men in public life was disclosed by talks with Senators. All of them denied that social lobbying was prevalent in Washington.
Several of them cited one recent amusing instance of an attempt to induence legislation on a minor matter by a well-known resident of the "Avenue of the Presidents." She wanted that street name to be maintained. Several Senators laughing-ly described the manner in which she bombarded members of the upbombarded members of the upper house with invitations. It is the per house with invitations acquaintance with them. Most of these invitations were declined, and the august holds again demonstrated its upper body again demonstrated its freedom from lobbles, social, "insidious, or otherwise.
Senator Vardaman is one of the few men who came forward with the assertion that social life is

"overdone" here.
"I believe there is too great a demand upon Senators for attendance at social functions when there is more serious business to command their attention," he said. "A Senator's business is never ended. There is always work ahead on his desk. He can not afford any great amount of diversion, social or otherwise, for there is no established." wise, for there is no catching up."

"No Time For Society."

If you do not believe the average Senator is a bard working person with little time for the mere frivolitjes of existence, take it from Senator James Hamilton Lewis. He recalled that dim and distant past, when as a Congressman, he ad-mitted, he had time for considerable social circulation.
"But that time has gone," he piaintively ruminated. "Now I am kept right at work all the time. I go not know a thing about the social side of Washington now. I am too busy for that."

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From the tips of his pink whiskers to the soles of his new spats, the lilinois legislator typifed the new sort of Senator, a bustling, busy, animated, dynamic being, in marked contrast to the stately dignataries of the bygone days when the upper house was known as the "country's richest club."

The from deploring the addiction of public men to social affairs, constor Miles Poindexter believes a long felt want in humor in public would be supplied if they would

"As a casual observer, I would say that social activity is not overdone by public men and it does not interfere with public business. As a matter of fact the 'beaviness' of some of our public affairs would be improved by a touch of the 'galety of patiens."

"Social life in Washington, in its roper sense, is, on the whole, quite istinct from political life. Nearly



all public men enjoy more or less

social diversion in one form or another, but while the environment is somewhat different, their habits in that regard are generally the same when at home. No general statement can be made which is strictly applicable to individual cases. The degree to which public men indulge in society is as variable as their numbers.

"Some measure of social amenity is more or less necessary in all cases, but with few exceptions com-paratively little time or attention is given to social affairs by busy pub-

There are but a few men now in the United States Senate whose names figure frequently in the so-cial columns. Senator du Pont, of Delaware, entertains lavishly and often Senator Brandegee is a hard-working official, but finds time for working official, but finds time for much social diversion. Senator Bourne, like many of his colleagues, is a gregarious individual, but confines his social activities to "stag" parties. He loves to spend an evening with a few of his men friends, and the conversation generally takes a turn toward serious affairs.

But there are more men in the Senate now than ever before who forego all social obligations. Senator La Follette declines all invitations. Senator Newlands goes into society but little.

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society but little.

Senator Chamberlain was frank to say that the cost of entertaining, as well as the pressure of business, deterred many men now in the Senate from cutting an extensive social

The business of the Senate is so heavy that it takes all a man's time," said the Oregon Senator. "I get down to my office at \$ in the morning. To keep up with corres-pondence and public matters, I frequently must work until 11 o'clock at night. Many of my colleagues do

"A man needs a certain amount of social diversion. The dinners given by many wealthy residents of Washington defeat their own purpose. They are so elaborate that public men know they cannot reciprocate in kind. Therefore, they stay away. "Contrary to general belief, a large proportion of us are dependent upon

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our salaries. There should be larger opportunities for social intercourse on easier and less formal terms. "Both these facts limit considerably the social activities of men on Capitol Hill. I believe there are few men who neglect business for pleasures in the evenings. There may be a few who do not come to the Capitol until near noon. But you will find most Senators in their offices working away hard in the

His Conception of Home. Occasionally one finds a man in

Congress who cares nothing for soclety, in the accepted sense of that term, and admits it. One of these is Senator Lane of Oregon. Like s few others his name figures not at all in the lists of "those present." He has a quaint explanation for this "You know, I was a practicing

physician for years before I came to Congress," he said. "A doctor gets an entirely different conception of an entirely different conception of that word 'home' from the ordinary man. A lawyer finishes his work by 5 or 6 o'clock and he has time in the evening for amusement. A doctor's work, like a Senator's, is never done, and he looks forward to home as a sort of Mecca, and a place of refuge greatly to be desired. So I got out of the habit of going into society at all. It was too late to learn new tricks when I came to Congress. I am kept busy here. to Congress. I am kept busy here. When I get through, home looks

good to ma."
Senator John Sharp Williams' ex-plosive and decisive comment on the suggestion that anyone is neglecting business for pleasure in the Senate

"I do not know about the habits of the person who suggested that. But you can say that John Sharp Williams is about as busy as he ever expects to be."

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Other events were the bareback drill, Troop K, Fifth Cavalry, First Lieut. C. W. Stewart, Fifth Cavalry, commanding: musical drill, Troop I, Fifth Cavalry, commanding; Cossack drill, Troop I, Fifth Cavalry, commanding; Cossack drill, Troop I, Fifth Cavalry, commanding; mounted wrestling, Troop K, Fifth Cavalry, Capt. Lieut John Millikin commanding, rush

I. Fifth Cavairy, Capt. W. M. Connell. Fifth Cavairy, commanding; mounted wrestling, Troop K. Fifth Cavairy, Capt. C. R. Day, Fifth Cavairy, commanding; tandem drill, Troop L. Fifth Cavairy, Lieut G. L. Morrison, Fifth Cavairy, commanding; battery drill, Battery F, Third Field Artillery, Capt. F. H. Gallup, Third Field Artillery, commanding. The last of the drills will be held Friday afternoon, when Secretary Garrison will be the reviewing officer.

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SALEM, Mass., March 29.-Mrs. Ida F. Morse, tomorrow will sue for diorce on the grounds of "incompatibility," discovered by her after forty-three years of happy married life. One of her children is forty-two years old.

Will Talk to Blind.

Mrs. Marie Fletcher Kent, daughter of Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florof the American committee on agricultural developments in European countries at the entertainment for the blind in the National Library for the Blind, 1729 H street northwest, tomor-row night at 8 o'clock.

THE FISHERMAN

Now that the spring weather is warming the fisherman's heart, The Times purposes to devote some space once or twice a week to the interests of sportsmen of the District who are devotees of rod and line.

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Cambridge Aghast at Militia men's Wives Taking Ringside Places at Bouts.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 28-The ter of the present fiscal year operated first time in the history of Massach at a loss, according to the report of the setts that women have attended a prise-Auditor for the Postoffice Department, fight will be next Thursday night at the recent discovery of a new pre-

tember 20, 1912, aggregated 264,620,762.55; the audited expenditures \$67,154,556.02. The plan was devised by the officers and postal funds lost by burgiary, fire and postal funds lost postal funds lost postal funds of the stable funds for a trip to St. John, N. B., where on Queen Mary's birthday they will be the guests of the Sixty-second funds lost funds for a trip to St. John, N. B., Fullifiers. The officers examined the incorporation papers of their sthletion and found that women, under a special clause, were elligible to freckies to keep the akin clear and whita. No matter he also prevent the bouta. The postal funds lost funds for a trip to St. John, N. B., Warren H. College, Warren H. College, and banish the freckies. Monay base the double strength othins about it follows the funds for a trip to St. John, N. B., Warren H. College, and banish the freckies with the funds of their sthletion.

The gross receipts of the Washington of the washington of fire were greater than those of the States of Delaware, Arizons, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Carolina, Utah, Vermont, or Wyoming.

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insurance of the District, delivered ar address on "The Chinese Question," of Bookbinders, Local No. 4, in the Saciety for the Study of Saengerbund club rooms last night. Cae hundred and thirty members were present. A ministrel show was given.

Released When He Proves He Made No Disturbance

Louis Berman, a merchant, of 30 M street southwest, proved his innoces of the charge of being disorderly Ninth street car Friday when he a Ninth street car Friday when he told Judge Pugh in the Police Court yesterday that "they got the wrong disturber.' Berman said that he was not disorderly and that the motorman of the car threw him off without provocation. He said he was compelled to stay in jail more than an hour, "and the motorman was allowed to go free." Other witnesses said Berman was not disorderly, and on motion of Attorney Robert I. Miller, Judge Pugh dismissed the case.

Eastern High School Cadets Plan for Camp

Forty cadets of Company F. Fastern High School, are awaiting permission from Superintendent E. L. Thurston for a five-day encampment in Virginia during the Easter holidays. The boys plan to conduct the camp in military

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